

THAT YOU MAY KNOW
...THE RICHES OF HIS
GLORIOUS INHERITANCE
IN THE SAINTS

EPHESIANS 1:18



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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

Message: His Workmanship

Response Hymn: How High and How Wide

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week.

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

Our Sunday services at a glance

In-Person Sunday Services

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/services

8.30am Mandarin service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

10.30am/3.00pm English service

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Join Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF) Bible

Study Groups (Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in

person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3

(in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

8.45pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1B

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers: Mr Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhenghr</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Ministries</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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His Workmanship

Ephesians 2:1-10

28 August 2022

Mr Ng Zhiwen / Ps Dev Menon

So Dead

But God

By Grace

For Good Works

Reflection Questions.

1. What do you recall from the sermon?
2. From this passage, make a list of all the things that God has done for you in Christ. What does it mean that all of these have been by grace?
3. What is God making us to be? Take a moment to talk to Jesus about His working in your life for good works.

Prayer Points

Our Church

377A -- The matters surrounding the repeal of Penal Code 377a have generated much concern. Let us as Christians address and respond to these in a manner that will both uphold the sanctity of what the Word of God teaches about human sexuality and also our Christian responsibility as salt and light of the earth. The BPCIS has issued a Pastoral Word on the matter in page 7 of the bulletin.

English as Second Language

Ministry (ESL) – We thank God for the many non-Christian students and their keenness to learn about Jesus. Pray for strength and good health for the teachers as they teach and share from Bible stories, that the seeds planted in the students' hearts will be watered and they will personally know the love of God that we sing about every week.

Catechism Class – Thank God for the new session that started yesterday. Do pray for the 20+ participants that they will know the goodness of their Father in heaven through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray also for the table hosts that they

will embody the gospel towards their fellow saints.

Our World

India – Partners in the north and northeast have reported intense monsoon rains causing flash floods and landslides that has caused misery to their local believers. Pray that our partners will be able to mobilise help for the relief work. One of our local leaders will be travelling 5000 km over this week to visit 3 new ministries and distribute thousands of bibles to tribal churches. Pray for safe travels and for fruitful time of ministry and the equipping of the saints.

Malaysia – Pray for our neighbour as it celebrates its 65th National Day (Merdeka Day or Freedom Day) on 31 Aug. Pray for the Malaysian Church to be salt and light particularly to the majority and minority peoples of this nation. Thank God for Ps L's work among the Orang Asli communities around Malaysia and the work of partner WP who provide good Christian resources to Bahasa speaking churches here.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	155	
English Service 8.30am*	138	1,100.00
English Service 10.30am*	310	
English Service 3pm*	118	
English Service 5pm*	107	
Chinese Service Livestream#	26	
Chinese Service 8.30am*	90	833.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	6	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*	46	343.00
ME Service & Zoom	62	
Hokkien Service*	48	422.00
Tamil Service*	15	263.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1140	\$2,961.00

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$47,414.29

WEEKLY TOTAL \$50,375.29

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer \$7,704.15

Weekly Total \$7,704.15

Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,141,338.74

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

Land Lease Renewal Fund:

General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead

Friday, 2 Sep

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 3 Sep

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 4 Sep

English Worship Services

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services)

8.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen & Eld Sonny Tan

10.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

3.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low, Eld Michael Gan & Eld David Leong

5.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Chan Kin Yip & Eld Reginald Tan

The Epistle to the Ephesians

04 Sep – Ephesians 2:11-22

– Tze-Ming & Ps Vernon

11 Sep – Ephesians 3:1-13

– Ps Alby

18 Sep – Ephesians 3:14-21

– Danny & Zhiwen

25 Sep – Chapter 1 – 3 Recap

– Tze-Ming & Ps Vernon

Your Response

28 August 2022

*Thank you for joining us today!
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

You may find our response form www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Or email us at office@zionbishan.org.sg

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email care@zionbishan.org.sg

Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

PASTORAL WORD ON REPEAL OF SECTION 377A

By Ps David Wong, 25 August 2022

PREAMBLE

By now, the government and the public have been made aware of the positions and concerns of the Christian community in Singapore over the repeal of Section 377A. Statements have been issued by different Christian councils and denominational bodies. Our Pastoral Word addresses the flocks under our care, and draws our attention to four main areas for urgent prayer and action.

1. GOD'S WORD

It bears repetition that BPCIS considers the homosexual act and lifestyle to be contrary to God's Word and therefore a sin. That said, the sin of homosexual act or lifestyle is not greater than any other sin. All who desire to follow Jesus Christ as Lord must confess and repent of all known sins in their lives, whatever the sins may be. The ground is level at the foot of the Cross.

2. GOD'S CHURCH

All persons, regardless of the nature of their sin, are in need of the Saviour and will be judged by Him. As pastors, we lovingly welcome into our churches all persons who desire to worship the Lord with us, but on the condition that all who approach God in worship renounce and repent of their sins and strive to live godly lives. We recognise that our flesh may still strain under the forces of same-sex attraction or homosexual orientation but it is not a sin to be tempted. We pray for all who are tempted sexually to receive God's grace in order to remain chaste and have a lively fellowship of Christian brothers and sisters to support them and hold them accountable.

3. GOD'S WITNESS

The mandate of the Church and of every Christian is the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, which is to make disciples of all nations. As we do so, we are to teach them to observe everything that Christ has commanded us. These things include the biblical model for marriage and family. Let us continue to uphold and teach the good sense, value and relevance of such a model, not only in our churches but also in the communities where our churches are situated. This we do through the way we live, and so persuade as many people as possible to agree with and embrace it.

4. GOD'S WORLD

Since the mandate of the Church and of every Christian is the Great Commission, we do not focus on "culture wars" that alienate us from those who need the gospel. Neither do we engage in social activism to force our views on those who do not share our beliefs. We thank God that the Government has consistently shown itself to be consultative in its policy-making and has discharged itself responsibly. We pray that God continues to raise godly men and women to the leadership in our country.

CONCLUSION

We recognise that the Church and Christians have been and will always be a minority in society and therefore, we cannot expect the rest of society to live by the values that we espouse and hold dear. Nevertheless, our hope is in God to protect us where he has placed us to represent him and to provide for us so that we may be effective witnesses for him there.

Finally, with the repeal of Section 377A, may God help us navigate the path ahead of us with wisdom and courage, heeding the words of our Lord Jesus, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 ESV

The Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore

How Healthy is my AG?

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course 2022

What does a healthy small group – or Action Group (AG) – look like to you? Is it the AG which has members supporting one another faithfully decade after decade? Or is it the AG that sends and plants new communities over and over again? How do we know what the marks of a flourishing AG are?



The Half-Day BAGLE Retreat graciously hosted by Yi Tao and Xiao En

We might think that these are questions we ask only in a course like the one we've just run – Basic AG Leaders Equipping (BAGLE). However, if you think really carefully, how many of us have asked these questions of our own AGs in recent times? If you haven't asked such questions before, how would you answer them presently with your AG in mind? Shouldn't we always be considering prayerfully how healthy our AGs are at any given moment?

If AGs are a mini picture of the larger Church family, then healthy AGs will reflect what the New Testament says about a healthy church one way or another. For instance, like the Apostle Paul, we aim to proclaim Jesus and admonish and teach one another with all wisdom so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ (Col 1:28). So, a healthy AG is *one that helps every member grow towards Christ-maturity*.

Why does maturity in Christ matter anyway? Paul tells us elsewhere that *immaturity* in the faith is a terrifying and confusing place to be in! It is as though we were infants (spiritually speaking), tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming (Eph 4:14).



Imagine not knowing what to think about this issue or that problem; picture what life would look like feeling spiritually torn between the opinions of the world, your colleagues, or even different Christian leaders versus what the Lord Jesus Himself thinks.

Brothers and sisters, we are not just speaking of some lack of knowledge as such, or having ‘right answers’ to tough questions (though these are crucial, of course). What Paul is primarily concerned with – and therefore what we want to be concerned with – is *relational understanding* of Jesus or *personal trust and confidence* in Him for all of life.

That is why Paul says the goal in Christian maturity is “unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God” (Eph 4:13) or “endurance and patience with joy” (Col 1:11). These are all fruits of a thriving, living union with the Living Christ; in other words, a mature Christian walk. How wonderful it would be if our AGs were conducive communities geared towards this purpose and drawing others (newer Christians or those without community) in for the same end!



If these things are so basic and foundational to the life of the Church, then how much time and energy should we dedicate to them? How much resource, or money or attention is too much to ensure that each Zion Bishan member matures in loving relationship with Jesus?

This is why we take or strive to take seriously AG leader training and personal discipleship here, and that is why we ask our AG leaders or

potential leaders to set aside substantial amounts of time for the BAGLE course which runs twice annually.

Here are some of the reflections from the participants from the course that has just concluded:

Dns Sherena Loh (AG15 – 1030am Congregation):

Discipleship is to unlearn old lives of sin and learn Christ relationally and not just theoretically. This also requires us to get deep with fellow church members in bible study and be relational. I hope to encourage my AG 321 to build a Christ-centred companionship that encourages more authentic sharing.





Benjamin Tan (AG72 – 3pm Congregation): *The course gave me a lot of time and space to reflect why I am considering to be an AG leader. I am reminded of how much I lack in my ability to love others and therefore the immense reliance I need to have on Christ. 2 Timothy 3:10-17 stood out for me in recognising the sufficiency of God's Word, it's necessity in the building up of myself and others to completeness and for equipping. The book (Zeal Without Burnout Book by Christopher Ash) provided was very helpful in reminding me that I am secure in God's love. I do not need to do any more work for God to love*

me anymore. There were very good practical steps as well, like the importance of carving out personal time to rest, or talking to mature Christian brothers and sisters



Jeremiah Lim (AG70 - 3pm Congregation): *A new thing that I had learnt about discipleship is to disciple others with the objective that they will know more of Jesus and to grow in love for him. It is not to disciple them for my own agenda. Another helpful model to follow is to follow the example of Jesus, being gentle to the ones we are discipling. Moving forward, I would approach discipleship with dependency on Christ, praying for the ones I am discipling/reading one-to-one with as I cannot do it on my own strength.*

Then going to disciple/read one-to-one with others with humility and gentleness, always pointing them to Christ.



Wee Wei Ming (AG52 - 5pm Congregation): *One or two encouraging truths were: That in Jesus we have the forgiveness of sins, especially considering the brokenness and daily struggles with sin in our day to day... and that transformation and maturing in Christ takes time and will sometimes be a struggle...but not to lose hope as God the Father grows/ guides us in multiple ways (through His word, His people and also through listening to our prayers).*

There is never enough personal discipleship and Christ-modelling in every season of church life at Zion Bishan. Please pray along with us that the Lord will continue to grow many AG leaders who delight in Christ and His Church so much that they would shepherd His people faithfully and lovingly!

Announcements

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (YF)

Every Saturday, 4.00-6.00pm, Chapel

And to encourage intentional intergenerational conversations, YF is looking for Host Families! If your family would like to host youths for post-YF dinners (once in each of Sept, Oct, Nov), indicate your interest on tinyurl.com/YFhostfamilies

Contact **Jacqueline (9322 7629)** to find out more about **Youth Ministry!**

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Begins 7 September for 7 Wednesdays
Sessions will be In-Person, 7.20pm
Dinner will be provided

Christianity Explored is an informal course that aims to help people understand who Jesus is, through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive!

Contact joel@zionbishan.org.sg to register

EPHESIANS BOOKLETS

We're starting our series in Ephesians, if you would like a hard-copy A5 booklet with the passages printed to write notes, pick them up at the registration table outside! \$1.20 per booklet, details for payment can be found at the table.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE & REVISED OPERATING HOURS OF THE LIVING ROOM

The Living Room Café will be closed from 1-10th Sept for refurbishing works.

Café operations will resume on 13 Sept (Tue) with the following revised operating hours:

Sun & Mon - Closed

Tue - Fri: 11am to 3pm

Sat: 9am to 4pm

GRACESTORATION -- GRACE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

Speaker: Mrs Persis Lim
8-9 Oct, Katong Village Hotel

Women of Zion Retreat 2022
Fee: \$240 (Includes twin sharing hotel stay & course materials.)

Programme:

Full Day Retreat
Fellowship & Katong Heritage Walk

- A time of restoration and renewal as we seek the Lord's grace and spiritual encouragement from His Word.
- To be equipped to refresh and encourage others in our spheres of influence with the transforming messages of God's love and grace.
- To grow deeper in love with Jesus.

Ladies, hope to see of you there!

Sign up by 4 September:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/WOZRetreat2022>

A SENIORS360 EVENT

Dim Sum Hour & Health Talk: "Remembering Oneself: The Brain and Dementia"

10 September, Saturday, 10.30am
In-person at Fellowship Hall or via Zoom

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with our invited speaker, Dr Ron Ng (Geriatrician).

Register at <https://bit.ly/3ol2CKs>

COVID-19 (MASKS REQUIREMENT)

We thank God for the recent Government announcements on the relaxing of the requirement to be masked indoors, with effect from 29 August.

Please refer to the taskforce advisory on our church website for more details.